

**Comment on “An Analysis of Contextual
Variables and the Incidence of Photographic
Anomalies at an Alleged Haunt and
a Control Site”**

Since some readers may wish for further information about this case, as one of our reviewers did, we publish the relevant exchange:

Reviewer:

I felt a definite lack of a fuller account of what the experiencers had experienced. A brief summary of their nature would, I believe, help the reader (1) to understand why this case was considered to justify investigation; (2) to appreciate why the experiencers felt as they did—particularly why one of them reacted as strongly as he did. Moreover, it would help the reader understand the significance of the findings if s/he was given information, such as “the kitchen, where a visitor allegedly saw the figure of an old woman” or whatever is the case. As it is, the investigation has a strangely abstract quality, as though divorced from the incidents that triggered it. This may have been intentional, as regards the participants in the investigation: but the reader may well feel he is not being given sufficient insight into the circumstances of the case.

Author’s Response:

Although we appreciate this comment and wish we could provide more information regarding the experiences reported at the site, we were unable to do so given the methodological components of the study (the experimenters were double-blind) and the fact that the experiment was abruptly discontinued along with all contact with the inhabitants. We believe that this is outlined clearly in the paper. However, we have added an additional paragraph to the article to justify the case, why it was optimal and why it was investigated.